GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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FUNDS FOR AIIMS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a small percentage of funds are being earmarked for research work in AIIMS;

(b) whether out of 339 research projects undertaken during the decade - 1991-2000, final reports have not been received in respect of 153 projects till March 31, 2000;

(c) whether the Institute is not treating burn cases, dog-bite cases and infectious diseases;

(d) if so, the facts thereof; and

(e) the corrective steps proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. RITA VERMA)

(a) & (b) No, Sir. Research funds are received by AIIMS through extramural grants amounting to Rs. 12 to 15 crores every year for research purposes from national/international agencies like the DST, ICMR, UNICEF, WHO etcThe Institute also has been using a major part of its plan allocation on the purchase of machine & equipment and many of the machines bought are for both research purposes and patient care. AIIMS has undertaken 348 projects during the decade 1991-2000 out of them reports of only 99 are awaited, most of which relate to areas where one project feeds/overlap to the next one.

(c) to (e) The Institute is well equipped to take up any burn cases in its Emergency Department as well as Indoor Wards.However the hospital does not have exclusive burn unit. Generally patients of burn injuries reporting to Casualty are referred to Safdarjung Hospital after giving them immediate first aid. The cases of post-burn surgery like reconstructive surgery and plastic surgery are referred to Safdarjung Hospital as well established facilities are available in that hospital. All cases of dog-bite reported at AIIMS casualty are provided first aid and necessary advice.